

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claim 14 and the indications that claims 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To the extent not done so with this paper, applicant expressly reserves the right to so rewrite those claims.

Applicant amended claim 1 to include the limitation that the polymer film is pre-stretched 200% to 300%. In view of the Examiner's comments with respect to claim 9, applicant believes that claim 1, and the claims depending from claim 1, are now allowable.

Applicant has also added new claims 22 through 28. Claims 22 through 26 all require a polymer material that is in a stressed condition to be wrapped around the sidewalls. Claims 27 and 28 require a polyethylene film wrapped around the sidewalls to exert pressure on the sidewalls. Applicant believes new claims 22 through 28 are allowable because the cited reference does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. By wrapping a stressed polymer material around the sidewalls or otherwise ensuring that such material exerts inward pressure on the sidewalls, a container with enhanced structural reinforcement to the sidewalls is provided. See e.g. paragraph [0021] of the pending application. In contrast, Jones *et al.*, U.S. 6,932,266 does not disclose or recognize the need to stress the polymer material or to have the polymer exert inwardly directed pressure on the sidewalls. Moreover, there is no suggestion thereof in Jones *et al.*, U. S. 6,932,266.

In view of the foregoing, applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems that fees are due in connection with this response to office action, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3313.

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